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SENATE BILL

No. 112

Introduced by Senator Ortiz

(~~Coauthor: Senator Florez~~ *Coauthors: Senators Florez and Poochigian*)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Chan, Jones, Leno, Matthews, *Niello*, Torrico, Tran, and Villines)

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An act to amend Section 13276 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to public social services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 112, as amended, Ortiz. Refugee social services.

Under existing law, the State Department of Social Services must require that a county's costs in administering employment-related and English language training programs funded by certain program funds derived from the federal Refugee Act of 1980 not exceed the percentage for county administrative costs permitted by the department in administering the Refugee Targeted Assistance Program. Existing law requires the department to allocate all social services funds derived from the act, after setting aside state administrative funds, and all federal targeted assistance funds received by the department, to each eligible county in the same proportion that the number of refugees on aid in each eligible county bears to the total

number of refugees on aid in all eligible counties. Existing law defines “aid” and “eligible county” for these purposes.

This bill would revise these provisions to ~~instead require 50% of the social services funds to be allocated in the same proportion that refugees arrived in each eligible county bears to the total number of refugees that arrived in all eligible counties during the preceding 60-month period for which the department has data, and 50% of the funds to be allocated in the same proportion that refugees on aid in each eligible county bears to the total refugees on aid in all eligible counties, during the preceding 60-month period for which the department has data~~ *require the department, in allocating these funds, to assign differential weights for refugees, based on the length of time they have resided in the United States.* The bill would make conforming changes in the applicable definitions.

The bill would instead require the department, after setting aside the necessary state administrative funds, to allocate all federal targeted assistance funds received by the department to the counties designated by the federal government as eligible, in the same way funds are allocated under a federal formula.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 13276 of the Welfare and Institutions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 13276. (a) After setting aside the necessary state
- 4 administrative funds, the department shall allocate all social
- 5 services funds derived from the federal Refugee Act of 1980
- 6 (Public Law 96-212), as amended, that are required to be used for
- 7 employment-related and English language training to each
- 8 ~~eligible county in the following manner:~~ *eligible county, in the*
- 9 *same proportion that refugees on aid in each eligible county*
- 10 *bears to the total refugees on aid in all eligible counties. The*
- 11 *department shall assign differential weights for refugees based*
- 12 *on the length of time that they have resided in the United States,*
- 13 *as follows:*
- 14 (1) ~~Fifty percent of the money allocated in the same proportion~~
- 15 ~~that refugees arrived in each eligible county bears to the total~~

1 number of refugees that arrived in all eligible counties, during the
2 preceding 60-month period for which the department has data.

3 ~~(2) Fifty percent of the money allocated in the same proportion~~
4 ~~that refugees on aid in each eligible county bears to the total~~
5 ~~refugees on aid in all eligible counties.~~

6 *(1) For refugees who have resided in this country one year or*
7 *less, the department shall use a weight of 1.50 for the purposes of*
8 *calculating the allocation in this subdivision.*

9 *(2) For refugees who have resided in this country two years or*
10 *less, but more than one year, the department shall use a weight*
11 *of 1.25 for the purposes of calculating the allocation in this*
12 *subdivision.*

13 *(3) For refugees who have resided in this country five years or*
14 *less, but more than two years, the department shall use a weight*
15 *of 1.00 for the purposes of calculating the allocation in this*
16 *subdivision.*

17 (b) After setting aside the necessary state administrative funds,
18 the department shall allocate all federal targeted assistance
19 received by the department to the counties designated by the
20 federal government as eligible in the same way funds are
21 allocated by the federal government in the final targeted
22 assistance formula allocations to states.

23 (c) For the purposes of this section, “eligible county” means a
24 county or city and county designated as impacted using a formula
25 to be developed by the department based upon the refugee
26 arrivals in the county during the preceding 60-month period for
27 which the department has data.